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February 7, 2019

Rebecca S. Murray  
Supervisor of Records  
Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Public Records Division  
McCormack Building, Room 1719  
One Ashburton Place  
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Petition for Extension

Dear Supervisor Murray:

I am the Records Access Officer for the Office of the State Auditor (OSA).

Pursuant to 950 C.M.R. 32.06(4), please accept this correspondence as a petition for an extension of time within which the OSA must respond to a request for public records.

On Thursday, January 24, 2019, the OSA received a request for public records from Ronald Beaty. The Public Records Law would, therefore, require that the OSA respond to this request on or before Thursday, February 7, 2019.

The public records request states the following:

- 1. For the year 2018, I hereby request digital documents which show the cost to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for attendance at political fundraisers and events by Massachusetts State Auditor Suzanne Bump.**

I have attached a copy of the instant public records request (dated January 24, 2019).

On Thursday, January 24, 2019, I responded to the requester through e-mail. I have attached a copy of this response with the instant petition. In this response, I acknowledged receipt of the request and indicated that I would begin the process of determining the following:

1. *Whether the OSA has custody of records responsive to the request;*
2. *Whether the OSA would have to withhold potentially responsive records pursuant to an exemption to the public records law; and*
3. *Whether the OSA's response to the request would involve requesting costs for producing responsive records.*

On February 6, 2019, I e-mailed Ronald Beaty asking that he provide me with a phone number where I could contact him because I had questions about the content of his public records request. I have attached a copy of this e-mail with the instant petition.

On February 7, 2019, I e-mailed Ronald Beaty asking that he contact me to discuss his public records request. I have attached a copy of this e-mail with the instant petition.

As of the filing of the instant petition for extension, I have not received a response to any of my e-mails to Ronald Beaty.

I have conferred with the OSA's Deputy Auditor for Administration and Finance and the OSA's Director of Operations about whether the OSA possesses responsive records. I have summarized below the information I gained as a result of that conference in an effort to provide the "brief narrative" supporting and detailing why the OSA requires an extension of time to respond to this particular public records request – as 950 CMR 32.06(4) requires.

Both the OSA's Deputy Auditor for Administration and Finance and the OSA's Director of Operations have indicated to me that they require an additional ten (10) business days to search for potentially responsive records.

The instant public records request is overly broad. I have, therefore, reached out to Ronald Beaty in an attempt to narrow the scope of his request, but I have not received a response from Ronald Beaty as of the filing of this petition.


Based upon the circumstances described above, the OSA is hereby petitioning the Supervisor of Records for a ten (10) business day extension (from February 7, 2019, the original response due date) until February 21, 2019 within which to respond to the instant request for public records.

I have forwarded a copy of this petition to the requester, Ronald Beaty, through e-mail.

I have also attached for your reference and review copies of all e-mail correspondence that I have had, to date, with the requester regarding the instant public records request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information or have questions about the instant petition for an extension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael P. Ruane", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael P. Ruane  
Deputy General Counsel  
(857) 242-5530

Enclosures

cc: Ronald Beaty (E-Mail)  
E-Mail: 67929-35630839@requests.muckrock.com

**Ruane, Michael P. (SAO)**

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**From:** 67929-35630839@requests.muckrock.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2019 2:33 AM  
**To:** OSA Public Records (SAO)  
**Subject:** Massachusetts Public Records Law Request: Request for 2018 digital documents showing the cost to the commonwealth of Massachusetts for attendance at political fundraisers and events

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PRL Office  
McCormack Building One Ashburton Place, Room 1819  
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January 24, 2019

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I expect the request to be filled in an accessible format, including for screen readers, which provide text-to-speech for persons unable to read print. Files that are not accessible to screen readers include, for example, .pdf image files as well as physical documents.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Ronald Beaty

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attendance-at-political-fundraisers-and-events-67929/?email=publicrecords%40sao.state.ma.us&uuid-login=01772cb3-bb2c-4bc7-87d7-9fab270eb0d7#agency-reply

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**Ruane, Michael P. (SAO)**

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**From:** Ruane, Michael P. (SAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2019 1:41 PM  
**To:** '67929-35630839@requests.muckrock.com'  
**Cc:** Dooling, Timothy V. (SAO); Leung-Tat, Michael K. (SAO); Wessler, Michael P. (SAO)  
**Subject:** Public Records Request

Ronald Beaty:

Please allow this e-mail to acknowledge that the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) received your public records request, on Thursday, January 24, 2019, in which you state, **"For the year 2018, I hereby request digital documents which show the cost to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for attendance at political fundraisers and events by Massachusetts State Auditor Suzanne Bump."**

Please note that I am in the process of determining whether the OSA has custody of records responsive to your request and whether the OSA will withhold any potentially responsive records through asserting an exemption to the Public Records Law. I will notify you as soon as possible about whether there is a cost associated with producing any responsive records not otherwise exempted from disclosure.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this matter. Thank you.

Michael P. Ruane  
Deputy General Counsel  
Office of State Auditor Suzanne M. Bump  
One Ashburton Place, Room 1819  
Boston, MA 02108  
(617) 727-6200, Extension 5530

**Ruane, Michael P. (SAO)**

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**From:** Ruane, Michael P. (SAO)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 2:50 PM  
**To:** '67929-35630839@requests.muckrock.com'  
**Subject:** RE: Massachusetts Public Records Law Request: Request for 2018 digital documents showing the cost to the commonwealth of Massachusetts for attendance at political fundraisers and events

Mr. Beaty: I would like to discuss your below public records request with you if you have a moment. I have a few questions. Could you please provide a phone number where I can call you?

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Office of State Auditor Suzanne M. Bump  
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Mr. Beaty: Please call me at the number below to discuss your public records request to the Office of the State Auditor. Thank you.

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